

Texas State University senior who was recently sworn in as the newest member of the San Marcos, Texas City Council.

Mr. Speaker, Chris Jones is the first student to be elected to the San Marcos City Council in 33 years. He won the election because of his values, determination and hard work.

Chris Jones was raised in the small West Texas town of Seminole between Lubbock and Midland. He is a graduate of Seminole High School and has completed undergraduate studies in Public Administration at Texas State University.

Councilman Jones ran his campaign on the idea of a better future for San Marcos, one that includes bringing jobs into the city. His service to his community is extensive considering his age. He served as Student Body Vice President at Texas State and currently serves on the Chancellor's Advisory Board. He is an ambassador to the President of the University from the Student Foundation. He also served as President of Black Student Alliance and currently chairs the Student Chapter of the Texas State Alumni Association. On top of all of this, he has interned for Texas Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff and State Representative Patrick Rose. These achievements represent only a portion of his service, contributions that earned him an honor by the Dunbar Heritage Association in 2004 for his service to the community.

Mr. Speaker, Chris Jones is a valuable asset to San Marcos and I am proud to have him in the 28th district of Texas.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT RAWLINGS

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Rawlings on his induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame.

Bob Rawlings was born in Pueblo in 1924 and bravely defended his country during the Second World War, serving in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946. With a degree from Colorado College, Bob then began a career as a reporter for the Pueblo Chieftain in 1947. His enthusiasm and passion for journalism propelled him to the position of Editor and then to President of Star-Journal Publishing Corporation in 1984.

His achievements in the field of Journalism prompted the University of Colorado to induct Bob as a "Living Legend" in 1997. The Colorado Press Association named him "Colorado Newspaper Person of the Year" in 1989 and the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce gave him the title of "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" in 1993.

While Bob is today being honored as a remarkable businessman, his name is equally synonymous with service. Always devoted to his hometown of Pueblo, over the years he has contributed generously of himself to the Colorado State University at Pueblo, and was honored in 2004 as "Volunteer of the Year" by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Even with all of this public activity, Bob is still a family man first and foremost. He and his wife Sandy have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Bob's story is the story of the American spirit. A spirit and life defined by a will to succeed and a desire to give back. It is also a life of service and generosity, of drive and achievement. Bob's persistence, patriotism, and devotion to business and community should serve as an example for us all.

I am honored to be a part of the induction of this great man into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame.

CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I join the Chinese community in ushering in the Lunar New Year and celebrating the Year of the Dog.

Since the earliest days of this country, people from all cultures have journeyed to our Nation seeking the promise of freedom, opportunity, and the American dream. As an integral part of our society, Chinese Americans are leaders in public service, government, science, law, education, athletics, and the arts. As business entrepreneurs, Chinese Americans are helping to strengthen our economy and our communities through their hard work and ingenuity. As patriots, Chinese Americans continue to risk their lives defending liberty.

I am pleased to help celebrate the Year of the Dog and commend those organizing events in its honor. These events promote greater understanding of the Chinese culture and society and honor not only the historical contributions of Chinese traditions, but also encourage greater awareness of the modern contributions of Chinese Americans.

As a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific Islander American Caucus, I am proud to pay tribute to the 120,000 individuals of Asian descent I represent in California's 32nd Congressional District. Residents of Rosemead, Monterey Park, Covina, West Covina, and other cities throughout my district know first hand the economic and cultural contributions of the Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

Gung Hay Fat Choy. Xin Nien Kuai Le.

IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES HANSON SAUNDERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Dr. Charles Hanson Saunders, a wonderful man and a friend to the community of Denton, Texas. Dr. Saunders passed away peacefully on Monday, December 26th, 2005 at his home at the age of 90.

Dr. Saunders was born on March 17, 1915 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Frances Saunders. Born and raised in Denton, he spent his life serving our country and committing his life to continuing education and working vigorously. He became involved in the Boy Scouts of America at an early age and eventually

earned his Eagle award. He is responsible for starting the first Cub Scout den in Denton and continued to support the Boy Scouts of America throughout his lifetime.

His formal education began at North Texas State Teachers College where he earned a Bachelor of Science in 1935. Later, Dr. Saunders attended Baylor University College of Dentistry and went on to receive his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Michigan College of Dentistry in 1938.

After graduation, Dr. Charles Saunders returned to Denton and established his dental practice alongside his father. Later, he volunteered and entered the Army Air Force Dental Corps where he served his country while stationed in England during World War II with the 39200 Bomber Group. He returned and married Ms. Mabel Pearson, and they celebrated their 60th Anniversary in early 2005.

Dr. Saunders returned to his dental practice in Denton and then specialized in the practice of periodontics until his retirement in 1986.

A lifetime member of the Denton Kiwanis Club, Dr. Saunders served on the board of directors as well as on the board of directors for the Children's Clinic Trust. He received the Hixon Award from Kiwanis International for his outstanding service to the club. Additionally, he was extremely involved in the First Presbyterian Church of Denton. Over his lifetime membership, he served as a deacon and an elder. He was also a cofounder, board member and vice president of the Clear Creek Watershed Authority in Denton County. Dr. Saunders also served in leadership positions for the Flow Memorial Hospital for 10 years.

Dr. Saunders was a wonderful contributor to many local activities. His leadership and support created many opportunities for the members of his community. Today, I would like to recognize and celebrate the life of Dr. Charles H. Saunders. He was intelligent, giving and a true American. Charles leaves behind his lovely wife, Mrs. Mabel Pearson Saunders; his two children Charles P. Saunders and Gail P. Saunders; three grandchildren, Rachel Pryor, Kierstin Rusk and Nicholas Burgess; eight greatgrandchildren; and two nieces, Carolyn Thayer and Lois Hudman.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FUEL SECURITY AND CONSUMER CHOICE ACT

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, we have an opportunity to change fundamentally the relationship of the United States to energy in a way that helps the consumer, reduces pollution, reduces greenhouse gases, and reduces the need to use military force to protect oil fields in countries thousands of miles from our shores. Nearly 70 percent of all the oil we use is consumed by the transportation sector, so we must look for alternatives to imported oil for fueling our cars and trucks. Today, advances in the production of ethanol—the refining of starch, sugar and cellulose into auto fuel—have reached the point where we have an opportunity to make a huge difference in opening up the market for alternatives to gasoline. Now is the time to be bold.